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GRANT APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Motor Vehicles' Virginia Highway Safety Office is now accepting applications for transportation safety grant funding for the period beginning October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

Applications for grant funds must be submitted electronically via www.dmv.virginia.gov. To receive the necessary Logon ID and Password to access the new online application, applicants should contact the project monitor assigned to their area, and attend a training session to be held in each Highway Safety Office region during February. Specific questions from localities relative to the submission of Highway Safety Grant Applications should be addressed to the project monitor. A list of these project monitors and areas served are found at <http://www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/safety/resources/contacts.pdf>.

Applications submitted must support Virginia's primary transportation safety goal of reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries resulting from traffic crashes. Supporting goals of the applications must focus on improving transportation safety relating to Occupant Protection, Impaired Driving, Speed, Motorcycle Safety and Traffic Records. Strategies and objectives will include countermeasures to address the following goals:

- Increase in safety belt usage;
- Reduction in the number of alcohol/drug-related crashes, injuries and fatalities;
- Decrease in speed-related crashes;
- Increased motorcycle safety by reducing the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities; and
- Improvement in the collection and accessibility of traffic records data.

Other countermeasures relating to Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety, Emergency Medical Services, Roadway Safety and Community Transportation Safety Programs will be considered.

Priority and emphasis will be given to the following types of projects and countermeasures:

- Projects that identify and respond to problems of High Emphasis Communities as identified in the Highway Safety Plan;
- Innovative projects with potential statewide application to other Virginia localities and jurisdictions;
- Projects that creatively incorporate "alcohol awareness and occupant protection safety aspects regardless of the primary focus of the project;"
- Projects demonstrating public/private partnerships where funds are leveraged with private resources to accomplish goals;
- Projects for selective, multi-jurisdictional enforcement activities such as Click It or Ticket; and
- Projects that increase Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety, Emergency Medical Services, Roadway Safety and Community Transportation Safety Programs.

To obtain complete information for the submission of Highway Safety Grant Applications, click on this link:

<http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/safety/index.asp>

The application must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on **March 31, 2008**. Applicants selected for the program participate on a cost reimbursement basis.